



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 21

END OF FIRST SIX WEEKS

SEPTEMBER 25

SENIOR PICTURE MAKE-UPS, BEGINNING AT 9 AM

SEPTEMBER 29

VIRTUAL BETA CLUB INDUCTION

OCTOBER 9

ACADEMIC AWARDS (VIRTUAL)

Attention Seniors:

- Please complete the Senior Statistics Form, submit a senior quote and a baby picture for the yearbook by October 1.
- If you are interested in buying a senior ad, let Ms. Beane know before October 1.
- Continue to check your email for scholarship opportunities and other college updates!

Free Fact:

A fox uses its tail to communicate with other foxes

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/facts-pictures/>

Humans of MCEC



McKenzie Jackson

Written by: Gwenyth Greene

The future. An endless chasm of opportunities, chances, and possibilities decided by the decisions you make today. Who wouldn't be afraid of it? When prompted with the question, "What are you most afraid of right now?" McKenzie Jackson's immediate response was "The future." Uncertainty, and the bizarre concept that a single decision can change your future, ignites this fear in almost everyone. This article will further examine McKenzie Jackson's challenges, view on life as a whole, and her role as a student attending MCEC.

Challenges run amok in teenagers. From the looming decision of what you want to become in life, to the everyday choice between which outfit looks better. Jackson is no exception to these arduous times, her most trying challenge remains to be the same challenge most teenagers face today, finding a place where she belongs. Although she faces this identity crisis, she is still very aware of her 'foundation' which is her parents and close family whose "decisions, actions, and past experiences" have shaped her into who she is today.

By taking a deeper look into McKenzie Jackson's brilliant personality, we can see what an amazing outlook on life and MCEC she has. Jackson frequently reads the newspaper due to her belief that it is important to be up-to-date on what is happening in the country in which you live. Another captivating aspect of her personality is her strong belief that teachers deserve higher payment. She stresses the importance of a good teacher, as they quite literally "educate the future." Her definition of a good teacher is one who wishes to see you at your full potential, which she believes describes every teacher at MCEC. To continue, Jackson believes that MCEC is the best opportunity in the county; she also loves that MCEC leaves her with a fallback plan. In other words, she will always have an associate's degree, even if she doesn't wish to continue her college career.

McKenzie Jackson is forever grateful for the opportunities that MCEC has opened up for her future. The future may be uncertain, and at times frightening, but it is always promising as a student at MCEC. I hope this article has accurately depicted McKenzie Jackson and her challenges, views on life, and her experience as a student at MCEC.

Congratulations to our newest club officers!

We would like to congratulate our
2020-2021 Freshman Class Officers:

River Seawell: President

Brayden Perez: Secretary

Eduardo Vargas: Treasurer

We would like to congratulate the
2020-2021 SOW Officers:

Raena Doutt Bender: President

Lulea Adams & Kayla Morrison: Co-Vice Presidents

Amandy Lee: Secretary

Gwenyth Greene: Treasurer

We would like to congratulate the
2020-2021 Art Club Officers:

Peter Eaton: President

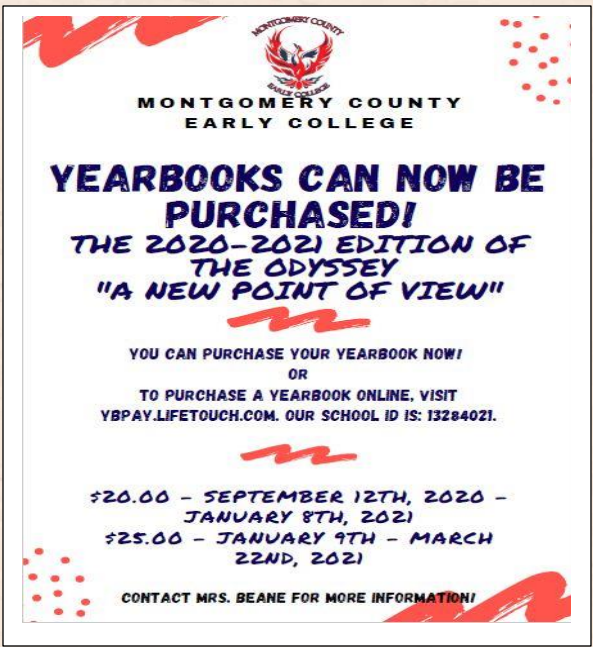
Olivia Goodwin: Vice President

Alissa Ward: Secretary

Sara Delaney: Treasurer

Study Breaks

There have been many studies over the years that have determined that taking breaks while learning and studying have many benefits. Some people may think that taking breaks while studying may cause you to get distracted and is a waste of time. However, this gives your brain a chance to think about things that are not school related which helps a lot with relieving stress. These same studies show that exercising during these breaks can be great. It shows that it can help you to remember things better when you are studying. Therefore, when you are studying be sure to take a few breaks!



Study Tips:

1. Make acronyms. – Make up acronyms or catchphrases to help remember vital information. (Ex: Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally)
2. Play games. – To help remember things, find an online game to help you study! (Quizlet has many)
3. Sleep! – Make sure you get enough sleep whenever you study to keep your brain functioning correctly. This means NO all-nighters!

How to ‘Save Our World’ From Home

Hey everyone!!! We know that it has been hard staying at home especially since a lot of you are very active people. We just wanted to give you all some tips on how you can do your part and save the world from home!

1. Always try to use a reusable mask.
2. When you do have to use a disposable mask make sure that you cut the strings off of them before throwing them away.
3. Use reusable water bottles
4. Turn off the lights and unplug appliances when they are not in use
5. Reduce your shower time (if you can)
6. Turn the water off while brushing your teeth or shaving
7. Place a full bottle of water in your toilet tank to save water with every flush. You will still have the same pressure but use less water.
8. Montgomery County recycles: 1 and 2 plastics, glass bottles (clear, green and brown), non-waxed cardboard (broken down and flattened), phone books, office paper, empty steel and tin aerosol cans, steel food cans, and aluminum cans. Please do your part to separate your recyclables and reduce materials in the landfill!

Thank you from Save Our World Club!!

Need A Laugh?

1. What’s the difference between a poorly dressed man on a bike and a nicely dressed man on a tricycle? A-tire!
2. I asked a Frenchman if he played any video games, he said Wii!

Announcements:

- College Math Students: Mrs. Hare is offering college math assistance every Tuesday from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Google meet. Email her if you have any questions.
- Virtual College Fair—CACRAO is hosting a virtual college fair/exploration September 14—October 9 (check your email to view the schedule and register)
- The North Carolina Rural Water Association is offering a Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Email carolynbynum@ncrwa.org for more information
- If you need technology assistance, contact MCEC at 910-898-9690 if you are having any issues with your computer or logging into Canvas.
- ALL STUDENTS: If you need assistance in printing course notes, email Mrs. Hare (kymberlie.hare@montgomery.k12.nc.us)
- ALL STUDENTS: To be counted present, students need to communicate with their instructor by 1:00. This includes seminar as well.
- The Odyssey staff would like to capture in a special section of our yearbook the fun and creative ways you have been able to safely spend your time since March. Please complete the brief survey below to share your new hobby or a safe trip you were able to take. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Beane. Survey link: <https://forms.gle/hYbZybza4ke9ZA3w7>
- The daily Phoenix Family announcements is looking for some new daily or weekly features—do you have ideas you would like to share with your fellow phoenixes? In the past, we have had a question/answer column, daily inspirations, fishing tips, dad jokes ... email Dr. Seawell if you would like to contribute to the daily announcements
- College Math Students: Mrs. Hare is offering college math assistance every Tuesday from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Google meet. Email her if you have any questions.
- Parent-teacher conferences for all freshmen and sophomores will begin soon! Keep an eye on the daily announcements and the school webpage for updates about signing up!

Thank you for reading The Phoenixes’ Call! This publication was created completely by Montgomery County Early College students. We write, edit, and publish this work on our own. We are using this publication to showcase all of the wonderful students of MCEC and to show the community what it means to be a Phoenix. We apologize for any typographical errors or misspellings. Please see Mrs. Heather Beane if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.